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■ **Drinking, Seat Belts Cause Accidents:** More than one-third of all highway accidents in New Jersey involve alcohol, 75 percent of all victims did not wear seat belts and motorcycle-victims had a better survival rate than auto-accident victims, according to a study. The study was conducted by the Level I Trauma Centers at University Hospital of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), Newark, and Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center. —CAMDEN

■ **Food Stamp Card:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture published proposed rules for systems to computerize the food stamp program so recipients can purchase food by using plastic cards like those used to access bank accounts electronically. The plan allows states to set up electronic benefits transfer (EBT) systems to replace paper food stamps, said Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan. Those wishing to comment should send their remarks in triplicate to Jeffrey N. Cohen, Room 718, FNS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22302. Comments will be available for inspection at that address from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. —WASHINGTON

■ **Rent Control Bill Advances:** Legislation that would prevent housing projects from certain rent increases was approved by the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee. The bill (A-2545) is sponsored by Assemblyman Jackie R. Mattison (D-Essex). "This bill would protect people who live in a housing project with rent control by making sure that the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHFA) would not approve rent increases greater than those which would be permitted under local rent control regulations," Mattison said. —TRENTON

■ **No to Choice:** The president of the New Jersey School Boards Association criticized the School Freedom of Choice Act as offering little actual choice for low-income families and providing benefits almost exclusively to non-public schools. NJSBA opposed the use of public tax dollars to support private schools — a concept promoted by the legislation. "Using public tax money to pay for tuition in a private or religious schools is totally inappropriate considering the current funding difficulties facing our public schools," said Mario J. Gangi, NJSBA president. "Our Association supports a moratorium on funding non-public schools until the public schools are fully and appropriately funded." —TRENTON

NBPA to recognize Plainfield officers, firefighter

MOUNTAINEER — Some of Plainfield's finest and bravest will be honored by a local chapter of the National Black Police Association at its annual awards dinner on January 18 at L'Affaire 22 in Mountaineer. Lieutenant Lloyd P. Lattimore, Sergeant Michael G. Shivers III, Sergeant Gregory P. Johnson, and Detective Michael Gilliam, and officers James Alexander and George Rivera will receive the Abigail Powlett Memorial Award.

The 1991 year in review...

The highs and lows of a very complex year

NEWARK — It's always interesting to get to the end of one year and look back on the events that made it unique to any other year. Without a doubt, 1991 has been one of the most stirring and thought-provoking years we've seen in a while.

What is the most important story of the year? The Gulf War? Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill? The wave of police brutality moving its way throughout the country? David Duke? The fall of the Soviet Union? Magic Johnson? Yes, indeed it is hard to choose. But one story is still going on and has had repercussions felt in every community, every class, every household, and even some

outside of our country. The flooding, suffering, dismal United States economy.

George Bush is not the golden boy he once was. People are out of work, homeless, unemployment benefits are running out, the banking, housing, and automotive industries have bottomed out and thousands of points of light are going to blind anyone's eyes to the brutal and unsettling truth.

There has been a year where male/female relationships became more of an issue than they ever would. People have forgotten all about the fact that freshman Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was a black man with conserva-

tive views so staunch that blacks didn't know what to make of him. No, all we remember is University of Oklahoma Professor Anita Hill's face in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee and her voice while making disturbing accusations of sexual harassment against the man who had the backing of the President. And, what about the William Kennedy Smith Trial? We'll never really know if Will did it but we do know that the circumstances surrounding the alleged rape did not make for too convincing a story for his accuser.

Television proved it was the most powerful medium of our time. We were able to sit in our living

rooms and watch a war, with bombs going off so much that it looked like a video game. We saw the Soviet Union become no more right from our couches. We watched Thomas/Hill the Kennedy Smith Trial, and the one of the most disturbing videos ever — we watched officers of the law beat a Los Angeles man to a point very close to death. Yes, the video age is here and we have all become police and prosecutors in each other's living rooms.

We watched our brothers and sisters in Haiti come to us for help to have the land of the free and home of the brave turn its back on them. We watched the Bay Area suffer another tragedy of nature. Not a earth-

quake this time but a ravaging fire. We saw hostages come home and we were moved to tears, we saw an ex-KKK Grand Wizard vice for the governorship of Louisiana and with a heckuva lot of guts, through his hat into the ring for the presidency of the US. We thought the Daily News was saved in a Robin Hood named Robert Maxwell but what exactly was the deal with him? He abandoned ship before he had to watch his dirty laundry be aired before the entire world.

It was the year of Pee Wee's misadventure, the fall and fall of David Dinkins, extreme tension between blacks and Jews to a com-

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Heartbeat of the City

Reebok Human Rights Award winners instill hope for Haiti, Mozambique

NEW YORK — Sauveur Pierre, 31, a former Haitian boat person, working on behalf of migrant farmworkers in South Florida and Abubakar Sultan, 28,

world that human rights abuses will not be tolerated and will be exposed.

"No one could participate in a ceremony like this without a sober reassessment of our own personal obligation to address human rights and the suffering associated with it," said President Jimmy Carter in a powerful keynote address. "It is not enough just to come to a ceremony like this once a year and back in our own freedom, our own security, our own influence and then ignore human rights the rest of the year. It is the powerful and secure like us on whom rest the fate of those who are weak and vulnerable."

Sauveur Pierre has experienced first hand the brutal exploitation in the sugar cane fields of South Florida. In 1980, he came to the US with thousands of other Haitian refugees who made the perilous voyage to escape the Duvalier regime. Paid far less than the minimum wage by employers who knew the language barrier and fear of deportation would prevent opposition, "I vowed to pursue justice for himself and his fellow workers. After teaching himself English, Pierre was hired by the Farmworkers



Justice Fund of Washington, DC as a paralegal/investigator to assist in that organization's lawsuits against Florida sugar cane growers. In this position he was able to secure information that helped the courts expose violations. Presently, Pierre identifies important legal problems facing clients and assists in devising appropriate legal strategies for the Florida Rural Legal Services.

In accepting his award, the soft spoken yet determined Pierre said, "the sugar cane (field) own-

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by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — The 1992 Plainfield City Council Reorganization meeting on January 1st, not only welcomed in the New Year, but it also welcomed a new council president and two new council members.

The first order of business was to have the new councilwoman-at-large for the first and fourth wards, Mrs. Faheemah El-Amin and new councilwoman for the second ward, Donna Vose take their oaths of office.

The Council then unanimously elected Mrs. El-Amin as Council President for 1992 and also unanimously elected Donna Vose as chairperson of the whole. Troy Smith was also elected to fill the fourth ward councilman seat vacated by Mrs. El-Amin. Smith will serve until the November general election, when the balance of the term, which ends December 31, 1993, will be up for election.

Mrs. El-Amin read from a prepared statement after the election, thanking her supporters and the Council for bestowing their faith in her to lead the governing

body in the new year. She also said, "This legislative body must become one body for the common good of the City and its citizens. No personal agenda or political deal must supersede the will of the people. Our paramount goal for 1992 must be the lowering of the tax burden placed on the shoulders of the taxpayers."

Also included on the New Year's Day agenda was Mayor Harold Mitchell's "State of the City" address. Mitchell, who did not attend the meeting because of illness, authorized City Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chlin to deliver the address in his absence. In his statement, Mitchell called 1991 a year of political and economic turmoil, due to the prolonged status of the yet not approved 1991-92 budget, but he also said he felt that the Council and the administration is now on the same accord and the situation will soon be brought to an end. He also said that the City has made great strides in improving the quality of life and the management of government.

Mitchell cited what he deemed several success including

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Fiscal constraints affect Newark library services

NEWARK — Severe fiscal problems affecting both Newark and New Jersey are forcing The Newark Public Library to reduce the number of hours that it is open, the size of its staff, its budget for books and recordings, its outreach programs, and other services it offers to the community.

"The library expects to receive 1.2 million dollars less than it received last year," said Alex Boyd, the library's director. "Of course, many public libraries throughout the country are being forced to take similar steps. In meeting this fiscal emergency, we have made every effort to limit the impact of cuts upon the library's patrons, but the cuts will be painful nonetheless. We have worked long hours to develop a plan for 1992 that will permit us to provide the best service that we can provide with the revenue at our disposal."

The First Avenue, Madison, and Mount Vernon branches will be closed. Each of the branches slated for closing is located in a ward of the city that will still be served by two other branches. The First Avenue branch is located in the North Ward, which is also served by the Branch Brook and North End branches. The Madison branch is located in the South Ward, which is also served by the Clinton branch and will soon be served by the fully-reopened Weequahic branch. The Mount Vernon branch is located in the West Ward, which is served by the Vailsburg and Roseville branches. Furthermore, the branches to be closed, unlike the library's other branches, occupy rented quarters. The collection of Russian books at Mount Vernon will be transferred to Vailsburg, and the library's bookmobile will

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

As we ushered in the new year, tragedy and mayhem from the old year followed right behind. Nine young African American youths lost their lives after a human wave crashed and suffocated them at a basketball/ramp charity event. While there's a lot of finger pointing going around (with enough blame existing for a host of individuals, and organizations), the real culprits will probably never be identified.

Some say that the student organization sponsoring the event should be blamed, and others say it was City College's responsibility to have provided adequate security for the estimated crowd. Many feel the promoters allowed tickets to be sold, even though they knew the seating capacity for the gym was already filled. The

rap artists are being blamed (which make no sense at all). Is it a crime to perform rap music? The New York City police are criticized for not responding to requests for additional patrols, and EMS is taking a deserved beating for blowing the emergency calls which came in.

When all the dust settles, the name-calling and finger pointing stops, the major blame will still lie with those individuals who pushed, shoved, and stepped on those innocent young people at the bottom of the stairs who were waiting to go through the gymnasium door. They will probably never be identified, and it was undoubtedly, a small renegade group of rowdy individuals who maybe didn't mean to kill anybody, but definitely knew they were going to hurt someone with their pushing and shoving.

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Losing control is the issue



CITY PEOPLE

People of the Year...

HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan
awarded American Cancer Society
Medal of Honor

Harold Freeman, MD, past president of the American Cancer Society and Chairman of the President's Cancer Panel, presents the American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor to Louis Sullivan, MD, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Norman Schwarzkopf... Dick Cheney... Colin Powell... Ted Turner... Boris Yeltsin... Mikhail Gorbachev... Magic Johnson... F.W. de Klerk... Bernard Shaw... Elizabeth Taylor... William Kennedy Smith... Terry Anderson... Cardell Cooper... Sharpe James... Daniel Blue... George Bush... Jodie Foster... Donald Trump... John Sununu... Nelson and Winnie Mandela... Christopher Columbus... Saddam Hussein... Clarence Thomas... Anita Hill... Bernard Dickens... David Dinkins... Reverend Al Sharpton... Rodney King... George Haldy... Robert Maxwell... L. Douglas Wilder... David Duke... Jack Kemp... Mickey Mouse... Warren Beatty... Annette Bening... Jimmy Connors... Monica Seles... Zina Garrison... Ray Charles... Demi Moore... The Jacksons... Heavy D... Katie Couric... Homer Simpson... Jay Leno... Johnny Carson... Arsenio Hall... Pee Wee Herman... Malcolm X... Julia Roberts... Sarah Vaughan... Michael Jordan... Mike Tyson... George Foreman... Will Chamberlin... Arnold Schwarzenegger... Julian Robinson... Garry Green... Ronald Rice... Fabeham El Amin... Donald Payne... Shirley Delaney... Henry Kates... Florence Demming... Wynona Lipman... Leonard Coleman... Wesley Snipes... Kitty Taylor... Michael Bivins... Will Smith... Naughty by Nature... Althea and Bill Giles... Clyde Allen... Barbara Kula... Damon Wayans... Stevie Wonder... Kevin Costner... Barbara Bush... Tisha Campbell... KRS-One... Larry Hamm... Reverend Butte Soaries... Ray Brown... Ronald H. Brown... Robert Brown... Leon Sullivan...

Mayor Brown hosts Holiday Luncheon for Seniors



ORANGE — Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange welcomed over 400 Orange-oranged adults to his Third Annual Holiday Luncheon for the town's senior citizens on December 11 at the Peppermint Entertainment Complex.

"As you know, seniors and children hold a special place in my heart. I take this occasion to show you how special you and your needs are to me. It is always a pleasure to come together with you to celebrate in the festive spirit of the holiday season," Mayor Brown said.

Seniors and guests were treated to an elegant meal, received prizes,

and were entertained by the Ceb-Bes Gospel Singers, Alicia Jones, the Newark Boys Chorus, and the Dick Perry Quartet. Also, four Orange businesses, Epstein Hardware, Value Rite, Muriel Dress Shop, and Orange Drugs, donated door prizes for the event.

The program began this year included the crowning of Mayor for a Day. This year's winner was Arri Ford. Her Deputy Mayors included Olivia Pettiford, Mary Jones, John Bustamante, and Mary Jones. The "Mayor" and her deputies will spend a day with Mayor Brown in May during Senior Citizen Month.

WASHINGTON, DC — The American Cancer Society presented Louis W. Sullivan, MD, Secretary of Health and Human Services, with its most prestigious award, the Medal of Honor, at a special ceremony in Washington, DC in December.

As head of HHS, Dr. Sullivan oversees the federal agency responsible for the major health, welfare, food, and drug safety, medical research and income security programs serving the American people. Dr. Sullivan was honored for

"bringing public attention to the importance of tobacco control and for steadfast leadership in the fight to protect Americans from the health consequences of tobacco use."

He has been a strong supporter of preventing young people from starting to smoke and has said that "access to cigarettes is still too easy for those who are under the legal age, and the tobacco industry continues to advertise in a shameless manner to susceptible young people."

People on the Move...

Charles S. Mancuso of Hillsdale has been re-elected president and Gail Iannetto of Scotch Plains vice-president of the Board of Education of the Vocational Schools in Union County. Dr. Michael S. Brune, director of the Stevens Davidson Laboratory, was one of nine scientists to attend an international workshop to explore ways Argentina can better use and protect its natural resources. Dr. John K. Siegel, a specialist in trauma care and research, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Injury Sciences at UMDNJ. Joel D. Siegel has been named Chairman of the Board of The National State Bank. Brian S. O'Donnell of Merrittown has joined the law firm of Riker, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti as an associate. Other new associates include: Cheryl Tate Deal of Harrison Square; Shalea Strickland of Oak Bridge; Milena Quaglietta of Chatham; Nicholas Lazarski of Union; Esther Davis of Morris Plains; Tanya Michelle Ashley of Glen Rock; Harold Kofman of Margueriteville; Deborah Fennelly of Madison; Nancy Eberhardt of Clinton; Donald Maclester of Madison; David Melman of Springfield; Nicholas Respoli, Jr. of Verona; David Osnos of Basking Ridge; Stephanie Sherman of Lincoln Park; and Edward McCartin III of Basking Ridge. UMDNJ President Dr. Stanley B. Cohen, Jr. will receive the Essex County Boy Scout's Distinguished Citizen Award. James J. Graham has been appointed Interim Assistant Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Newark. David Cohen, David Goldsboro, and Neal Lippman all of Plainfield underwent training in the use of an endoscopic this past summer.

Coping

by
Dr. Charles W. Faulker

Troubled relationships between blacks

This is the third article in our series on the personal problems that exist between black men and women. If you missed the other articles, I will send you copies, if you will send a stamped, self-addressed envelope, legal size, to P.O. Box 22219, Sacramento, CA 95822. I'd also like to hear your opinion about the issue.

It is not surprising that black men and women have special problems being happy in each other's company over a long period of time. Most people, regardless of their race, feel inadequate to some extent. This inadequacy (which is also known as insecurity, lack of confidence, negative self-image), can cause tremendous problems in personal relationships. Inadequate people tend to be jealous, envious and resentful of those whom they consider to be superior to them. It might be said that they feel "threatened" by them. They have a need to pull people off of their imaginary pedestals. They need to make others feel as bad as they do. They do not like themselves. They don't like the fact that you might be superior to them in some respect, thus, they don't like you, either. In order to punish you, and to thereby feel good about themselves (if only temporarily), they attack you either with per-

sonal, often unwarranted criticism; they ignore you; they create negative rumors about you; they disrespect you; or they display the utmost respect toward you.

An important point here is that they may be angry at someone else, but direct their anger at you, since you are the only one who is available, at a given time. It is for this reason that spouses and close acquaintances receive more undeserved abuse than anyone. Perhaps the worst kind of individual is that person who is extremely insecure and extremely intelligent. That could be a very "dangerous" person because of their ability to plot and devise devious schemes to hurt you. Avoid this person at all costs.

Black people are imbued with massive doses of personal insecurity at an early age, as the result of negative experiences, one of which may be racial discrimination. Even though we live in a free society, at the negative way that society has made them feel about themselves. Racism, then, impacts upon every relationship that involve black people. In some ways, blacks bring personal racial inadequacy into every relationship, in addition to the normal inadequacies that every American has, regardless of their race.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1992

PLAINFIELD — The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 325 Watchung Avenue.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1992

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior citizens Program in conjunction with the YWCA on East Front Street is sponsoring a weekly water exercise program. People will meet every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The class is free. For more information call 906-753-3508.

NEW YORK CITY — Patricia Wales, editor of State Magazine will be the guest speaker during "An Evening with Women Who Dail." The event, sponsored by the National Women's Advisory Board, will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New York Club located at 123 West 43rd Street between Broadway and 4th. For more information call Holly Fisher at 800-221-4326.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Association will present a free public seminar on Local Government Law from 7 to 8 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitutional Square. For more information call 1-800-FREE-LAW ext. 209.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Public Library will feature a film program at 4 p.m. Also, at 7 p.m. the Friends of the Library will meet. The Library is located at the corner of Eighth Street and Park Avenue. For more information call 906-757-1111.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1992

WEST ORANGE — The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is sponsoring a free swim program at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information contact Marie VanDermon.

CRANFORD — The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs will present "The Visible Arts: Building Recognition for Arts Organizations," at Union County College's Cranford campus. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 906-558-2550.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1992

GUMMIT — Surroundings: Elements of Landscape by NJ Artists will be on display until February 20 at the Palmer Gallery, NJ.

Center for Visual Arts at 68 Elm Street. For more information call 906-273-9121.

TRENTON — The State of New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission will hold its Seventh Annual Ecumenical Service honoring Dr. King's 63rd birthday at the War Memorial on West Lafayette Street at 2 p.m. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker of Caneas Baptist Church of New York City is the featured guest speaker. For more information call 201-648-4911.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1992

EDISON — A free support group for individuals caring for an elderly family member or friend will hold its next meeting at 11 a.m. in the JFK Hervey Adult Day Center located at 2050 Oak Tree Road. For more information call 906-548-0770.

WESTFIELD — Women for Women will offer its winter season at 7:30 p.m. with a support group on wine and the chattering husbands at 414 East Broad Street. Reservations can be made by calling 906-232-5787.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1992

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will conduct a free seminar on Wills and Estate Planning at the NJ Law Center, One Constitution Square from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 1-800-FREE-LAW ext. 209.

NEWARK — African American Thinking: History, Politics and Art. A collaborative exhibition between the Newark Public Library and Africana will take place through February 29 at the Library located at 54 Washington Street. Featured will be historical papers from the New Jersey Division, material illuminating the politics of Malcolm X, and artworks from Africana. For more information call 201-793-5643.

WESTFIELD — Women for Women will offer a series of eight sessions on co-dependency at 414 East Broad Street at 7:30 p.m. There will also be eight sessions offered on making amends with one's parents. For more information call 906-232-5787.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1992

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Public Library will feature its Langston Hughes Lecture Series program. The Library is located at the corner of Eighth Street and Park Avenue. For more information call 906-757-1111.

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Nelson Mandela's and Clarence Makwetu's flying visit to UN

by Daniel Marolen

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK (NPA) — Whatever the Western Mass Media say, apartheid is still very much alive in South Africa. Hence ANC President Nelson Mandela and PAC President Clarence Makwetu jetted precipitately from Johannesburg to the United Nations at the beginning of December. As leaders of South Africa's oldest black political organizations, they were impelled to participate in the deliberations of the UN General Assembly's Forty-ninth Session's debate on the Politics of Apartheid of the Government of South Africa as well as to listen to the Reports of the Secretary General, Report of the Special Committee Against Apartheid, the Report of the Special Political Committee, the Report of the Inter-Governmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa, and the Report of the United Nations Educational and Training Program for Southern Africa.

Clarence Makwetu spoke first on Monday, December 7. He told the General Assembly that PAC was

the true custodian of the legitimate aspirations of the oppressed and dispossessed people of "Azania" (South Africa). At the outset, he thanked the retiring Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar for his "commendable role in opposing and exposing the apartheid system and supporting the legitimate struggle of the 'Azanian' people for national liberation and self-determination." Mr. Makwetu did not spare any words in condemning South Africa for its finally deciding to adopt "a reformist posture" under global pressure of economic sanctions, a mandatory arms embargo, etc. He went on to castigate racist South Africa for repeatedly emphasizing to reform apartheid, "not to eradicate it and seriously address the painful centuries of colonialism, dispossession and slavery of apartheid." This posture, he said, gave the impression of "willingness to change, whilst, basically, changing nothing or little." He went on to point out that the repeal of the Land Acts of 1913 and 1936 gave 87 percent of the country's land area to whites, leaving only 13 percent to blacks! The repeal, he said, does not redress the land equitably. Similarly, he said, the repeal of the Population

Registration Act only affects children born since July 25, 1991, but does nothing to improve the condition of all Africans living in the country today! In his emotion-charged speech, Makwetu said that the repeal of the so-called "pillars of apartheid" constituted no change in the day-to-day life of oppression of the African population. "The central objective," he said, "must be the transfer of political power from the minority regime to the elected majority."

At its conference in November 1990, Makwetu said, PAC unanimously demanded a dramatic mechanism to draw up a new constitution through an elected Constituent Assembly. This mechanism was later adopted by ANC and AZAPO.

Commenting on the lifting of economic sanctions against South Africa, Mr. Makwetu said, "It is premature to relax or remove any pressure against South Africa as of now. In this regard we strongly condemn the decision by Japan and Finland to remove all sanctions. Similarly, we regret the premature lifting of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act by the Bush Administration." He strongly condemned the continued

economic, military and other forms of collaboration between the Pretoria regime and Tel Aviv, as well as the "stampede by East European countries" to establish relations with South Africa.

Mr. Makwetu blamed the African regime and the perpetrators of the violence which has accounted for 10,000 murders of blacks in recent years. Speaking with emotion, Mr. Makwetu said, "Unless we establish an elected Constituent Assembly to draw up a new constitution, elected people to chart the democratic path, formed a transitional authority with international participants to oversee the transition from the minority to an elected

majority, internal and international pressure is maintained against the regime, all efforts at a relatively peaceful solution to our problems will remain frustrated. We cannot and will not compromise on establishing a genuine democracy, based on a free will of the 'Azanian' masses."

Nelson Mandela's speech was low-keyed when he addressed the General Assembly on December 3. But he agreed with Makwetu's main points. He emphasized that there should be a three-phased end of sanctions against South Africa; greater international pressure against apartheid; handing over of power to a new interim administration; main-

tenance of the mandatory arms embargo and the oil and petroleum ban, etc. He advocated majority rule, and stressed that sanctions must be kept in place until the emergence of a new democratic constitution. He urged the International Atomic Energy Authority to move with speed to inspect nuclear installations in South Africa to ensure full compliance of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Mandela and Makwetu then headed back to South Africa for the impending and crucial Multi-Party Conference on December 20, 1991, where they faced de Klerk's opposition to the final democratization of their country.

Mayoral optimism, call for lower taxes highlight Plainfield's Reorganization Meeting

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the upgrading of the City's downtown area, which will continue to be an aggressive endeavor, the addition of several new officers to the police force, the replacement of old parking meters to bring in new revenue, and the continued efforts to make major progress in law enforcement. The City's police division has instrumented the DARE program in the City's schools, as well as have reorganized the department, allowing it to be more effective. He also said hard times are yet to come, but he feels that his administration is prepared to meet the challenges.

The Council passed numerous ordinances which appointed and reappointed personnel on various city committees and boards, but tabled two resolutions. They voted 6-1 to table a resolution that would allow the city clerk, not the Department of Administration, to appoint a deputy clerk for a 3 year term. They also tabled a resolution that would have proclaimed the Courier-News as the official newspaper of Plainfield, by a margin of 5-2. The Council stated that the matter had to be discussed further.

educator with Casa Alianza (Covenant House), who has prosecuted against police brutality and serves as an advocate for the rights of homeless children, and Miral Lopez, 22, who has been arrested, tortured, and imprisoned for championing the rights of the displaced people of El Salvador. Two special awards were also presented at the ceremony. The parents of three Russian citizens who lost their lives defending the Russian Parliament on the night of August 20, 1991 received posthumous awards and Ashley Black, 11, received the "Youth in Action" award for spearheading the drive to ban hate video games in Marlboro, New Jersey.

The Reebok Human Rights Award is given annually to young people who, early in their lives and against great odds, have significantly raised awareness of human rights. Now in its fourth year, the award is one of only three established human rights awards in the world. It is the only one honoring young people and the only private sector initiative.

In a brief ceremony before the State of the City address, Mrs. Thompson-Chin introduced Arnold Stewart, a graphic artist and citizen of Plainfield, who was commissioned by the administration to create a city seal, which was unveiled. The seal takes the place of the Bierstadt painting which was hung above the judge's chair in the municipal court. The

painting caused much controversy

over the years and it was felt the city seal would be more appropriate.

The painting, which depicted Christopher Columbus' so-called discovery of America, still hangs in the court room, but on an opposing wall, which visitors cannot see from their seats.

Plainfield's finest honored

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without consideration to the threat of personal injury or loss of life.

They are being recognized for their actions in responding to a police call regarding a man armed with a gun who was threatening a crowd of people in a housing project. Upon police arrival, the man fired the gun at Alexander and Rivera and fled. Det. Gilliam, upon arrival, pursued the gunman, apprehended him, and recovered the weapon.

Ebony's second highest award, the Police Officer of the Year Award, will be presented to Detective Wayne Williams, assigned to the narcotics bureau. The third highest award, the

Charles K. Allen Public Service Award, will be presented to Captain Cecil Allen of the Plainfield Fire Division. Allen is Plainfield's highest ranking and first African American fire captain in the Plainfield Fire Division.

The Honorable Rudolph Hawkins, former Plainfield Municipal Court Judge, will deliver the keynote address which will touch on facets of police brutality and the relationship of African Americans to the criminal justice system.

For ticket reservations or more information, contact Pamela Johnson at 908-753-3024 during the day or Cynthia Johnson at 908-756-1896 during the evenings.

Newark library cuts

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make regular stops in the neighborhoods where the branches to be closed are now located. Also, the entire library system will be closed on the first Monday of every month except December.

Library hours have already been reduced by the elimination of Sunday opening, and placement of book collections in public schools and other institutions — nursing homes, senior centers, hospitals, etc. — will cease completely.

The staff has been reduced by nearly thirty percent and will be reduced further by attrition. "A major staff reduction such as this will inevitably hurt services," Dr. Boyd said. Furthermore, the budget for books and other materials is being cut significantly.

"We sincerely regret that we have been forced to take these steps," Dr. Boyd continued. "During the past several years we have been able to obtain a growing number of new services together with exciting programs in newly-renovated facilities. We hope that this crisis ends shortly so that we may return to our long-range plan for improved service to the community."

Heartbeat of the City

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not know what's going on but, they close their eyes...Well, I will never close my eyes. I will never forget."

Abubakar Sultan has created a special program that helps former soldiers, age 6-13 years old who were forced into war to civil war in Mozambique. Many of the 200,000 orphans were forced to watch as their parents were slaughtered by guerrillas and then were forced into military service. By creating a sense of community, Sultan's program helps these children to express their feelings and talk about their experiences. He has also been successful in reuniting over 4,000 children with their families.

"On behalf of the children, I appeal to the United States to help stop the war in Mozambique," said Sultan. He beseeched world powers to "help us build a better world for our children."

Each recipient will receive \$25,000, which will go directly to the human rights organization of their choice. Pierre and Sultan shared awards with Carlos Toledo, 24, a Guatemalan street

bought and read, particularly by young people, and African Americans and tuning into their roots and what this misunderstood man stood for. Everyone is waiting with baited breath for Spike Lee's interpretation of Malcolm's life which is due out this summer.

The 1991 year in review...

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ments from City University Black Studies Professor, Leonard Jeffries, and the Crown Heights Affair where a young black boy was killed by a Jewish driver.

Michael Jordan soared to victory, Michael Jackson came back in a hurricane of controversy, rap and hip hop resulted in a lot of money, movies, and social conscious, black films and filmmakers were everywhere and are steadily moving into 1992, Disney World turned 20, and we are all still shaking our heads over beloved Magic Johnson's disclosure that he had contracted the HIV virus.

Blacks are taking their rightful places in society, politics, and the economy and are moving towards a divorce with the Democratic Party. We saw too many car manufacturers which although initially may have been positive for consumers, but has now blown up in the industry's face as companies are laying off workers and drives and General Motors, Chrysler, and even Honda are looking for a way to rebound.

Some other significant events that made way for some thought provoking discussions included the controversy around Christopher Columbus and the resurgence of support for Malcolm X, a martyr of the black community.

Middle America's Americans couldn't believe that good ole Chris trafficked slaves and wasn't the overall nice guy who doesn't even deserve a national holiday because he didn't discover America and everyone knows it. How can you discover something if there were people there already?

And, as far as Malcolm is concerned, his picture, face, image, and credo, are everywhere. His words are quoted constantly, his X in on everyone's baseball cap, but the civil rights leader are being

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Ms. Woods believes that "one's success occurs as the result of the collective efforts of many who have overcome obstacles to clear the way for others." She cites this belief as motivation for her community service activities.

She is a former member of the Board of Directors, Bloomfield United Way; an educational facilitator with the National Association of Black Accountants, the Kean College Academy and the Board Member Institute. Giving back to the community is the spirit PSEG wants to promote.

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On the EDITORIAL

Point the finger in the right direction

Reverend Al Sharpton said that the ones to blame for the crushing deaths of several young people at City College are the "unsavory elements within our community." You know, the Reverend has a point. There is an unsavory element in our community. There are people in the community who just lie around waiting for an opportunity to disrupt the peace and calm of others trying to have a good time. The City College incident is a serious case in point.

Everyone is looking for someone to blame in this tragedy. Between the rappers, the promoter, security, the City, the College, there are several available scapegoats who the finger could be pointed at. But, like Reverend Al said, there is no excuse for people pushing and shoving in an already anxious and tense situation. Reverend Sharpton called their behavior "a grievous and shameful act." He's right.

This is another case of a black on black tragedy. The community already suffers enough stress and anxiety from society as a whole? What are these lost and misguided brothers and sisters trying to prove with their abominable behavior?

It's sad, but even though rap and hip hop music has resulted in one of the most creative and poignant movements in music that has ever occurred, it does attract this "unsavory element." It's not the rappers or their messages, it's just that some people know they can show up at a rap concert, and under the influence of either liquor, drugs, or just their friends, they cause havoc.

We're glad that Rev. Sharpton is aware of the tragedy's true culprit. It's a shame that we have seen the same kind of element of fear when we go out for some social enjoyment. But, we do.

Losing control is the issue

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Individuals have a right to take responsibility for their own actions. Yes, having more security or police to help with crowd control would have helped. But, should you need a police officer in your face telling you not to push or shove someone from behind? Do you need a promoter to tell you no concert is worth losing your mind over? If you couldn't get in, and you paid your money no one could blame you for getting mad, but crashing the gate wasn't the way to resolve the problem.

Individual responsibility is what needs to be explored if we want to examine and discuss this tragic incident, in the hopes of learning from the mistakes made, to possibly help avoid something like this from happening again. All of us have been in a situation where there have been large crowds and the potential for disaster has been present. To think

that this happened because these were young black youth in attendance at a rap concert is ludicrous. There weren't any black youth involved when 93 people were trampled to death in England at the soccer stadium about two years ago, when the crowd went out of control.

People losing control, and getting caught up in the frenzy is the problem. You could be in a parade, on a crowded subway platform, in a theater, or wherever, and if some people decide to start pushing and shoving, it's very easy to get crushed or hurt in the melee. That's what happened at the basketball/rap event, and the people who were at the bottom of the stairs were crushed and suffocated. To save them, individuals had to care and, yes, take responsibility for their own lives as well as that of the people around them. That's what being civilized ultimately means.

by Connie Woodruff

Smart politicians don't get mad, they get even, especially with children.

On New Year's Day, everything went according to political schedule when Armando Fontouna was sworn in (officially) as Essex County Sheriff before a crowd of 500 Democrats and well wishers.

In typical Fontouna fashion the Essex County College theatre was filled to capacity and the reception that followed the ceremonies resembled an old fashioned political rally with Democratic Party biggies rubbing shoulders with the new Sheriff's relatives, friends and bi-partisan supporters.

East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper brought greetings on behalf of mayors throughout the county. Little did a majority of the crowd know that Mayor Cooper had just experienced a traumatic upset in his own town.

Just prior to Fontouna's program the East Orange City Council held its re-organization meeting and to everyone's surprise Councilwoman Quilla Talmadge beat out 4th Ward Councilwoman Yvonne Blake to become the first woman elected to chair the City Council.

Last November five new council members and five holdovers had agreed informally to select Blake as council president. But a funny thing happened on the way to the New Year's Day vote.

Some council members got mad with Mayor Cardell Cooper when he moved to dismiss two legislative aides and transfer three other council employees on New Year's Eve, and the council members who were upset by the Mayor's actions got even with him and his staunch supporters the next day.

Council President Quilla Talmadge was probably the most surprised of all when she got a call to consider running for the top post and was assured of a majority vote and a 5-4 victory.

Voting (allegedly with the Mayor) against Talmadge were new members, Carolyn Meacham, 1st ward; Mark Scotland, 3rd ward; Philip Thigpen, 4th ward, and Blake. Another newly elected councilman, Charles Robinson, was absent because of illness.

Voting in favor of Talmadge was newcomer Mary Paterson, 5th ward; Stephen Thomas, 1st ward; Claude B. Craig, 2nd ward; Ralph A. Harris, 3rd ward and Talmadge who voted for herself.

Robinson could not be reached for comment so it's anybody's guess how and for whom he would have voted. What is certain is Mayor Cooper was left with the residue of egg on his face.

It is also reported that Blake did herself in when her list of proposed appointments of councilmembers to stipend positions was distributed before the meeting. The list allegedly included mostly newcomers allied with the Mayor to the jobs that pay extra.

The Mayor may have thought he was doing the right thing but he underestimated the popularity of Jim Holman and Joanne Wilkerson, two legislative aides from the 5th and 1st wards. In addition Cooper didn't help matters any when he ordered the transfer of Barbara Hampton, a 35-year city worker, from director of the council office to the property and maintenance office, Marilyn Hughes, 2nd ward aide for reassignment to an undetermined position, and Sharon Tyler from 4th ward aide to the planning department.

Maybe the Mayor's actions on the eve of a day when everybody was thinking "happy new year" was the wrong time to send out signals for a change. Now he knows.

More importantly, political eyes will be trained on East Orange where the going is always tough for elected officials and those becoming mayor. Cooper's star has been rising rapidly with his close ties to state (Governor Florio's office) and county (Democratic Chairman Ray Durkin) power structures.

But with Quilla Talmadge in as Council President even though she was allegedly not the Mayor's choice and with one of the newcomers, Councilwoman Mary Paterson, who ran as an independent in a winning election and who is considered a "loose cannon" by political watchers, the year may be shaping up as something less than cozy for Mayor Cooper and a City Council comprised of some veteran politicians who don't owe him any particular allegiance.

Meantime, Council President Talmadge is slowly recovering from the initial shock of her completely unanticipated victory, but knowing the lady, she is sure to rise to the occasion.

Speaking of rising to the occasion, that is exactly what Freeholder Sara Bost did in her new role as president of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Bost's election over incumbent Freeholder President Joseph Parleviechia was the political coup of recent years in Essex County Democratic politics.

When the Freeholders met for their annual reorganization meeting January 2, nobody thought the Palace Guard of the county Democratic Party would be split, shattered and devastated by a coup that started Sara Bost, the quiet, soft-spoken two term party loyalist.

For all intents and purposes it appeared Freeholder President Parleviechia would hold onto the presidency for at least another couple of years. He had the support of Democratic Chairman Ray Durkin and was popular among his colleagues.

Immediately after the 10 a.m. meeting was called to order before a packed house of county workers, supporters of Sara Bost and just curious spectators, the first order of business was for Freeholder Joseph DiVincenzo to put the name of Sara Bost in nomination for the presidency. To everyone's surprise, the second was Republican Freeholder Arthur Clay and when it was all over, the votes of DiVincenzo, Johnny Jones, and Bost, and the two Republican members, Clay and Monroe, Jay Lustbader, defeated the other four Democratic board members who had followed the chairman's lead in a vain effort to re-elect Parleviechia.

Freeholder LeRoy Jones of East Orange nominated Parleviechia with a second by Linda Lordi Cavanaugh and the votes of James Cavanaugh of Livingston and Parleviechia.

Vice President for the Board is Arthur Clay, thus forming the

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Child Watch...

Risking the future

by Marlan Wright Edelman

Risky behavior among teenagers might not be more pronounced than in the past, but the consequences of youths' actions are increasingly deadly. The world today is much different than the world I remember growing up. The dangers of crack, AIDS, and devastating violence are cutting short too many youths' potential.

A recent Children's Defense Fund publication, *The Adolescent*

and Young Adult Factbook, reveals that today's teenagers are a lot like yesterday's teenagers, but the world around them has changed drastically.

—Thirty years ago, a teenager who dropped out of school often could find a job that paid a living wage and look forward to earning enough in the future to support a family. Today, a high school dropout has only one chance in three of having a full-time job.

—Forty years ago, a young woman who had a child at 17 was

likely to be married, and her husband was likely to have a job. Today she is most likely to be single and unprepared to support her family. More than 80 percent of single black mothers younger than 25 are poor.

—Thirty years ago, feuding teenagers began their fight with a fist fight. Today, teenage boys are more likely to die from gunshot wounds than from all natural causes combined. By the time they reach adolescence, many are already having experienced a level of violence that only combat soldiers used to know.

—Until the last decade, unprotected sex might lead to pregnancy, but it was not likely to lead to death. By March 1991 however, more than 34,000 20-to-29-year-olds had been diagnosed with AIDS. The lag time between HIV infection and the onset of AIDS suggests that many of these young people were infected with the fatal disease as teens.

All these disturbing figures makes you wonder if our children have a fighting chance in an increasingly dangerous world. My answer is, "yes they do." I know many youngsters who have proven that difficult circumstances need not stop someone from succeeding in life. I offer the example of a young man who turned a potentially destructive, hopeless life into a bright, positive future.

Eighteen-year-old Caruthers could tell you about what too many African American youngsters have experienced: living in an unstable, poverty-stricken household. "Growing up in my family was chaotic," he recalls. "I had no supervision. No one told me what to do or made me get up in the morning to go to school."

Caruthers was born to a teenage mother and a young, unemployed high school dropout in Washington, D.C. He was initially given to his grandmother to raise, but was switched every few years to his mother then back to the grandmother, then back again.

After reaching high school

Caruthers left home, stayed briefly with a friend, then became homeless, living on the street in whatever shelter he could find and finally dropped out of school. He eventually received help from a trusted adult friend, who opened his home to Caruthers and re-enrolled him in school.

Caruthers now maintains a B average and doesn't miss a day of school. His teachers and mentor are convinced of his great potential. So am I.

Caruthers' inner strength is tremendous. Too many would have given up and pursued a life on the streets. But it's not for Caruthers. "I don't want to end up like everybody else, selling drugs or in jail somewhere," he says. "I decided I want to do something with my life and keep my head

and everything clean." Caruthers has come a long way. While there are too many whose lives are cut short, there are thousands like Caruthers who have promising futures. We must celebrate these

examples, but also understand the hard truth that no one must be satisfied until the violence, crime, drugs, too-early parenthood and disease no longer claim children's precious lives.

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Newark students get a jump on career goals



KISS DJ Wendy Williams (r), advises some of the Career Day participant (l-r) Maryann McDonald, Debra Simmons, and Vanture Spearman.

WEST LONG BRANCH — Newark high schoolers got a glimpse into the career of someone they listen to on the radio all the time as 98.7 KISS FM disc jockey Wendy Williams served as guest speaker at the Monmouth College Career Day in December.

Ms. Williams, who is a 1982 graduate of Ocean Township High School, addressed close to 250 junior and senior high school students from throughout the state as well as Monmouth College's AHANA Career Day. AHANA stands for Afri-

can, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American.

The event was sponsored by the college's Educational Opportunity Fund and featured over 30 career representatives who shared experiences and talked about opportunities in their fields.

Youth highlights of 1991...

Youth of today are leaders of today

NEWARK — It was clearly apparent in 1991 that on the real deal, to be young, gifted, and black was just how it was. Young people have thrust themselves into the forefront economically, politically, socially, academically, and creatively, showing that wisdom does come out of the mouth of babes.

Just ask John Singleton and Mitty Rich about success, money, influence and respect through savvy and creativity. Some people are saying that Boyz n the Hood is the movie of the year. Watch out for a Ramapo College freshman named Lamont Crawford who has already been recognized by his hometown of Paterson for a poignant and eye-opening film on AIDS.

Long live the rap and hip hop movement. Young people are the roots of this art form and are the ones who have taken it into the mainstream.

While police were beating and killing our youths, it was the young people who jumped right in to protest and rally their peers. Friends of slain New Brunswick man Shaun Potts brought the community together to fight the establishment and quell anger. When activists put together a Teamack to Trenton march this summer protesting police brutality, it was the young people who kept everyone going in the lightning, thunder, and pouring rain.

Don't think the powers that be don't realize the potential of this potent resource. Minolta has invested in Newark and today's youth by funding a photography program where inner-city young people can learn to be photographers. The company, one of the largest camera companies in the world, has also implemented an autonomy program called the Minolta Star Schools Program.

to show young people how much fun this science can be.

Panasonic put their Classroom of the Future complete with computers, printers, a phone system, fax machines, and more in Newark's Central High School. And, when the French needed some lessons on the nuances of rap and hip hop music, they went straight to the sources at Arts High School.

Even with scholarships and minority educational programs being cut, black youths continue to excel. People may not realize it but as whites are scoring lower on their SATs, blacks are scoring higher. More blacks are attending college, both Historically Black schools and predominantly white schools, and are finishing their studies. Upon receiving their degrees, many of them are going right back to their communities to inspire their brothers and sisters.

A case in point is Kimberly Reese, a freshman at Drew University and alum of Newark's Arts High School. Kim is a young activist who is raising social issues among her peers and is striving to be a journalist for the black press when she finishes school.

But, while we salute our progressive young people, we must take time to hear what they're saying. Some very bright students from Seion Hall's Upward Bound Program wrote a group of essays that we had trouble about all the fun they were having during "the best years of their lives." Instead, these young men and women touched on the horrors of alcohol abuse, the importance of knowing one's history, and the complexities of male and female relationships. It really hits home that many of these people lead troubled lives, come from broken families, and need constant inspiration and stimulation just to survive.

Seeing so many positive examples coming from such young but motivated minds should put a good feeling in our hearts. Our young leaders are here and not afraid to take the baton to move the community ahead.

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Newark students win camp vacation, savings bonds, in PSE&G Energy Poster Contest

NEWARK — Four Newark Elementary School Students, the top prize winners in an Energy Safety Poster Contest, will enjoy time at Camp Tecumseh this summer and receive \$100 savings bonds as winners in the PSE&G Energy Poster Contest.

An awards ceremony was hosted by Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Newark Customer Services District Office at 80 Park Plaza this past December.

Tania Menlez, from the sixth grade at Miller Street School was selected as the judge's choice for overall winner. She received a camp scholarship, a plaque, and a \$200 savings bond.

First Place Winners: Lillian Fuentes, 3rd Grade, Miller Street; Sherod Ellis 4th Grade, Miller Street; Juan Medina, 5th Grade, Miller Street; Sarel Nazario, 6th Grade, Miller Street

Grade, Avon Avenue; Lateef Glatton, Burnet Street

Third Place Winners: Janet Zuniga, 3rd Grade, Miller Street; Emmanuel Valladares, 4th Grade, Lafayette Street; Luis Rosario, 5th Grade, Miller Street; Sarel Sanchez, 5th Grade, Miller Street

The contest was jointly sponsored by Public Service Electric and Gas Company Newark Customer Services District Office, The Salvation Army, and The Newark Board



Student winners in the PSE&G Energy Poster Contest

First place prizes were awarded at third through sixth grade levels. Second and third place winners were awarded plaques.

Second Place Winners: Rodney Scott, 3rd Grade, Miller Street; Manuel Duprey, 4th Grade, Lafayette Street; Anwar Gaskin, 5th

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The NCSA Gifted/Talented Program is designed to reward and encourage students who show either above average talents, or demonstrate extraordinary commitment to, and/or progress in his or her chosen discipline.

The Gifted/Talented Program is funded by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Students are selected for this program by audition through teacher recommendation. The scholarships provide additional instruction, either the student's primary discipline, or in a related discipline.

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Entertainment has been a grave necessity this year as the recession led to depression and kept many people confined to their homes. Concert sales were down and many super acts had to cancel shows for lack of ticket sales.

Sinbad is hot and so is Wesley Snipes, Debbie Allen, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, L.A. and Babyface, Cool J, Jay Charles, Public Enemy, Queen Latifah, John Singleton, Halle Berry, the "In Living Color Crew," particularly Damon Wayans, The New Edition Crew, En Vogue, Prince, Denzel Washington, Color Me Badd, Spike Lee, Luther Vandross, Mariah Carey, Paula Abdul, Kid 'N Play, Tisha Campbell, Tevin Campbell, Teddy Riley and Guy, Arsenio Hall, Charles Dutton and the concept of "Roc."

"Roc" is and was a show that was highly touted as the television season began. It is an innovative project put together as a joint project by Fox and HBO. The cast is led by a convicted murderer and Yale graduate, Charles Dutton, and populated by his friends and peers from the stage, and the Pulitzer prize winning show, "The Piano Lesson."

It is about a blue class family, a garbage man and his wife, a nurse, who just want their piece of the American Dream pie. The Fox network has been known to take a chance on something that does not fit any mold and has been shrouded in success, critically and ratings wise. Look to them to set the television trends for the future. Initial shows like "21 Jumpstreet," "Married with Children," and "America's Most Wanted," have led to the likes of "Roc," "In Living Color," "The Simpsons," which brought back the concept of prime time cartoons, and "Beverly Hills 90210," one of the most well constructed and interesting shows on television.

Stevie Wonder came back in a big way with the soundtrack from Spike Lee's "Jungle Fever." The music just may have been better than the movie, especially the really hot "These Three Words."

Speaking of music, there is a new cadre of prophets and they are

in the form of rappers. Rap music is here to stay. It is a form of expression from sexual prowess to anger at the establishment by way of some bouncy tracks and some pointed lyrics. People like KRS-One, Ice Cube, Monie Love, Heavy D, Queen Latifah, Public Enemy (who's in a class by themselves) and Yo'Yo have taken the world by storm with the latest form of original American music that stemmed from the black community. It's so hot that it has crossed over into the mainstream as average Americans are listening to it to find out what blacks are thinking and feeling. It's such a money

musical that rappers are now superstars with Queen Latifah, Ice Cube, and Kid 'N Play all being featured in cinema hits. It's so popular that whites have decided that they must capitalize and even attempt to rivalize the form by deeming themselves rappers a la Vanilla Ice. It's so bold that crossover acts like Michael Jackson, Patti LaBelle, and others have incorporated rappers into their Top 100 songs and some like Mariah Carey and Phyllis Hyman have even made their own attempts to rap on their recent albums. It cannot be denied. It is the wave of the past, present, and future and will doubtfully ever die.

This has been a year where black faces are in front of the camera and behind it. Thank you Oscar Micheaux and Melvin Van Peebles for inspiring and bringing to life black directors like Debbie Allen, Spike Lee, Mutt Rich, John Singleton, Robert Townsend, Bill Duke, Mario Van Peebles, Kevin Hooks, Charles Burnett, the Hudlin Brothers, and the brilliant brothers and sisters who are currently on the threshold. Blacks have come to realize that the power lies behind the camera and in the overall creation and production. Eddie Murphy learned it quick and with power comes money.

Look out for multi-talented Debbie Allen. She sings, dances, acts in movies, television, and theater, directs, and who knows what else the Jane of all trades will have in store for the 90s. The films releases with black issues and emo-

tions as the themes are rolling out one after the other and they're bringing in the bucks as well as receiving critical acclaim. "Juice" is scheduled to come out in the next few weeks and people are waiting with baited breath for the summer release of Spike Lee's controversial look at Malcolm X.

The new Crossroads Theater began its new era this year in New Brunswick with a kick off celebration hosted by Bill Cosby who was quoted as saying "Crossroads The-

ater is another vital point where African American culture can display its wealth and diversity." Where else can you go and see "Black Orpheus" and "The Love Space Demands," by Ntozake Shange?

Newark hosted its first ever Sarah Vaughan Jazz Tribute which brought jazz greats like Tito Puente, Joe Williams, Abbey Lincoln, and Roy Hargrove together to salute the Divine One at Newark Symphony (continued on page 10)

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1992

SOUTH ORANGE—Business Outlook for 1992* featuring prominent journalists Leonard Silk and Allen Sloan at the W. Paul Billiam School of Business at Seton Hall University. The one-day conference will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the Bishop Dougherty Student Center on the South Orange campus. The conference is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. For registration information call 201-781-9218.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1992

EDISON—The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, Inc. will present the facts on networking at 8 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel, Route 27. The pre-meeting begins at 5 p.m. For more information call 908-745-2577.

FANWOOD—The Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce will be holding the next in its Small Business Roundtable Series at 8 a.m. at the Marston Hotel. The program will focus on improving sales skills specifically, "Turning Leads into Sales." For more information call 908-754-7250.

NEWARK—Essex County College and the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce will offer an "Introduction to International Trade." This course will also cover principal aspects of financial operations, transportation, shipping and collection documents as well as government regulations. Courses run Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through February 11. For further information call Essex County College's On-Campus Continuing Education 201-677-2438 or Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce 201-242-6237.

Send your business calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060

Business — what a let down in '91

NEWARK — With out any doubt the business story of the year is the recession. Unemployment lines are out of control, people, particularly in the eastern region, are losing their jobs left and right, and we're all turning to Mr. Bush for answers.

This has been the worst year to date for college graduates in the job force and it's expected to get worse in 1992 before it gets better. And, if you have a masters, your fate is not any better. There are more people holding bachelors degrees and working at Macy's than that working at Smith Barney.

The banking industry has become a source of major anxiety as people wait in nervous anticipation for their banks to collapse. The Resolution Trust Company was formed a few years ago and has been very busy trying to liquidate assets to pay of banking debts. The now defunct City Federal Savings immediately comes to mind.

With the money wells of the eighties drying up, people have taken to being frugal and proud of it. This year's dismal holiday sales as well as last year's are a testament to that. Americans are making due with what they have and are relatively satisfied. Spending money has become a careful business and no one wants to be caught without any bucks

in case the economic bottom totally falls through.

General Motors recently laid off thousands of workers, Chrysler, who had made a strong comeback, is losing towards a new car to save the day, the housing industry has also bottomed out as people re-realize that the house they paid \$30,000 for in 1975 is not worth \$200,000 16 years later, and interest rates have actually had to come down.

Throughout the country there has been a rise in black mayors and political leaders (a la Gerald Green and Robert Brown) as well as black conservatism. Blacks are learning that they have to establish their own money rather than look towards a liberal handout to save the day.

In our own backyard, Sharpe James has become America's darling while in his backyard, Mutual Benefit Life is floundering and it has been a staple in New Jersey's largest city, while Sharpe is in Las Vegas accepting more accolades, Daniel Blue of the Newark Housing Authority — out. Bernard Dickens of United Hospitals — out. Too much politics in the Renaissance City.

While Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann was indicted, a group of black leaders began pushing for a black interim mayor. Union County College made a commitment to its

community and to the cities of Plainfield and Elizabeth. A total renovation of the Plainfield campus is underway and the new home of the Elizabeth

campus is under black leadership.

Business is not everyone's favorite subject at this point in time, but it's business, the growth of com-

panies, the investment in America, and the development of jobs, jobs, jobs, that is essential to pulling us out of the recession.

Resource directory provides guidance for small business owners

NEWARK — Certification and set-aside programs, business education and training providers, and sources of financing are among the types of assistance to be found in the 1991 edition of the Resource Directory for Small, Minority & Women-Owned Businesses newly published by the Newark Small and Minority Business Council (SMBC).

Originally issued in 1988, the Directory includes listings for seventy firms, agencies, and organizations in the Newark area supplying services of interest to both start-up and expanding businesses, according to SMBC chair Milton Rosko of Anheuser-Busch. Among the resources listed in the Directory, many of whom provide their services at low or no-cost, are the Economic Development Corporation of Essex County, the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce, the NJ Department

of Commerce and Economic Development, and the Rutgers Minority Investment Company. A roster of banks and other financial institutions offering assistance to small businesses concludes the volume.

The Newark Small and Minority Business Council was formed in 1986 by the Newark Collaboration Group to increase the number and viability of small, minority, and women-owned businesses in the metropolitan Newark area. Its previous programs have included the Minority Business Interchange, and the "Developing Your Business" series of training seminars.

A public-private partnership organized in 1984, the Newark Collaboration Group serves as a vehicle around which community volunteers focus their efforts to improve the economic and social quality of life for Newark and its neigh-

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice Solicitation for Architect/Engineering Services Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey is soliciting proposals for professional Architect/Engineering services to implement a work item included in modernization project NJ 33-9138-9123. Proposals to provide the Architect/Engineering services shall be submitted on the letter head of your A/E firm on or before January 8, 1992 at 2:00 P.M. Your credentials must accompany the proposal. Qualifications plus price base will be evaluated by the Authority. Price and Qualifications shall be considered in the selection process. Proposals should be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope to:

Office of the Executive Director
Woodbridge Housing Authority
10 Burns Lane
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

WORK ITEM:

M-12 Project NJ 33-1 Woodbridge Garden Apartments, Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey

Architect/Engineering Services to provide bid specifications to replace roof, gutters and leaders on Selected Buildings at Project NJ33-1

The responsibilities of the Architect/Engineer selected shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Preparation of the bid package in a finished form for contractors to pick up. The package shall include the first 6 bid packages. The cost for additional copies of the bid package shall be designated in the proposal.
 2. Schedule and attend mandatory pre-bid meeting with contractors.
 3. Attend the bid opening, review the bids and provide a written recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.
 4. Prepare contract for construction award.
 5. Supervise construction, prepare written site inspection reports.
 6. Review and approve contractor requests for payment.
 7. Process the necessary close out documents as required by HUD. Your proposal should break down the A/E fees as follows:
 - a. A/E Fees
 - b. Project NJ33-1
 - c. Replace Selected Roofs, Gutters and Leaders
 8. Preliminary field investigation fees
 9. Preparation of first six complimentary sets of the finished bid package
 10. Contract award
 11. Contract Administration
 12. Miscellaneous reimbursable expenses
- Total Base A/E Proposal \$ _____
- Cost of each additional finished Bid Package \$ _____

For further information, call Executive Director Madeline Cook at (908) 634-2750.

The following evaluation factors must accompany your proposal:

1. Evidence of the architect/engineer's or firm's ability to perform the work, as indicated by profiles of the principal's and staff's professional and technical competence and experience and their facilities.
2. Capability to provide professional services in a timely manner.
3. Evidence that, where design work is involved, the architect/engineer is currently registered in the State of New Jersey where the project is located.
4. Past performance in terms of cost control, quality of work, and compliance with performance schedules.
5. Knowledge of local building codes.
6. Certified statement that the architect/engineer or firm is not debarred, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any Federal, State or local agency.

Madeline Cook, PHM
Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge

Dated 1-1-91

INVITATION FOR BIDS MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

ADVERTISEMENT

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will receive bids for "Disinfectant Improvements" at Randolph Senior Citizens Housing, Randolph, New Jersey and Rockwell Family Housing, Rockaway, New Jersey, at 9:00 p.m., January 9, 1992, at the office of the Housing Authority, 99 Kitch Road, Morristown, New Jersey, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids should be submitted in SEALED ENVELOPES, addressed to the Housing Authority and clearly marked on the outside with the project name and number. No bids will be received by mail, facsimile transmission or overnight delivery services. Bids received after the indicated opening time will be rejected and returned.

BIDS will be taken as a single unit price bid for all at three locations. A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for work as described in the specifications and shown on the drawings. Copies of the Documents, including Drawings, Technical Specifications and Addenda may be obtained at the office of the RBA Group, Engineers, Architects & Planners, 1 Evergreen Place, P.O. Box 1927, Morristown, New Jersey 07962-1927, on Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., by depositing a check in the amount of \$50.00 with the Engineer for each set of Documents in good condition within ten (10) days after bid opening. (Deposit will be returned for only one set of documents). Requests for the mailing of contract documents will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in duplicate.

Bidders must use and complete fully, proposal blanks within the specifications furnished by the Housing Authority and comply with all requirements attached hereto including Certified Check or Bid Bond, in an amount not less than 10% of the amount for which the bid is submitted, but in no case in excess of \$20,000, furnished by a Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Within ten (10) days the successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.

The Housing Authority of Morris County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to opening bids without consent of the Housing Authority of Morris County.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge will receive sealed bids pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. at the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge Main Office, 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey on Friday, January 17, 1992 at 10:00 A.M. for the following:

Modernization Project NJ 33-9131 (FY 1991 CIAP) work item M 91-2b

Boiler Room of Project NJ 33-1
Woodbridge Garden Apartments
10 Burns Lane
Woodbridge, N.J. 07095

Description of work to be performed:

- Package #1**
1. Replace blowdown piping on four (4) boilers
 2. Replace feedwater piping on four (4) boilers
 3. Replace feedwater pumps
 4. Replace two blowdown pit pumps
 5. Replace steam shell of #2 boiler chamber
 6. Replace live shutoff regulator air intake damper

Total Bid Package #1

Package #2

Replace six (6) Vari Vac Timers & Clocks

Package #3

Install high water alarm system - Connect to existing monitoring system

Bidders may submit bids on any or all of Packages I, II, III.

If bidding on package I, a bid amount must be shown against each of the 6 items comprising package I.

Contractors shall submit bids on their own quotation form in a sealed envelope bearing the Bid number NJ 33-9131M 91-2b. The name and addressing bidder shall be on the outside of the envelope addressed to:

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Bids shall be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashiers Check or a Bid Bond for not less than 10% of the amount of bid, but not exceeding \$20,000.

Bids must also be accompanied by Consent of Surety in addition to the 10%/\$20,000, Cashiers Check or Bid Bond.

All Bonds & Consent of Surety must be written by Companies listed in the most recent Circular No. 570 United States Dept. of the Treasury.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirement of P.L. 1975, C. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) which pertains to "Non Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action" and P.L. 1977, C. 33 which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

Bids from Bidders who are on any suspended or debarred list of the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development shall be rejected. Bids from those whose character has been declared void by the New Jersey Secretary of State shall be rejected.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids it deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority.

Contractors may visit the work site by appointment. For appointments or additional information call the Office of the Executive Director at (908) 634-2750.

Madeline Cook, PHM
Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge

Dated 1-1-91

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting requests for proposals for legal services. The contract period will be for one year.

Respondents must identify services to be provided and the compensation required. Compensation shall be based on the fee schedule prevailing in the area for similar legal services.

Information package is available at the Housing Authority office, 160 Haledale Street, East Orange, N.J. Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., by depositing a check in the amount of \$50.00 with the Engineer for each set of Documents in good condition within ten (10) days after bid opening. (Deposit will be returned for only one set of documents). Requests for the mailing of contract documents will not be accepted.

Edward Zimbrick
Executive Director

FOR LEGAL SERVICES

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS is hereby soliciting proposals for legal services for the development of 40 units of Public Housing. Proposals will be to render legal services which the Authority may require in the planning & development of this project.

Proposals must include submission of cost, detailing a fee schedule for all services to be performed, and a statement of qualifications which should include the following experience:

1. Zoning, Planning and Environmental Law
2. Real Estate and Condominium Law
3. Local and Federal Public Contract Law and
4. Knowledge & Experience with Federal Public Housing Law

All Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 1992 to the Housing Authority of the County of Morris, 99 Kitch Road, Morristown, NJ. PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STATED DATE AND TIME.

Interested firms should contact the Authority at the above address or by calling (201) 540-0899 to obtain all bidding information.

Roberta L. Strater
Executive Director

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic is inviting qualified Architectural and Engineering Firms to submit information regarding their QUALIFICATIONS to serve as the Authority's A/E Consultant for Boiler Replacement and Boiler Room Rehabilitation at various sites. The work includes Technical Support, Agency Liaison, A/E Design Services, preparation of Contract Documents and Construction Phase Administration.

Interested firms should contact the Authority attention G.M. Russo, Management Analyst, in writing or by calling (201) 473-4000 no later than 4:00 p.m., January 21, 1992. Upon notification of your interest, the Authority will send an invitation package to the firm outlining in more detail the qualification requirements and scope of work.

Firms are to submit their qualification package in a sealed envelope, placed within a mailing envelope, marked Qualification For Boiler Replacement.

All Qualification packages are to be submitted by 12:00 noon (prevaling time) on February 4, 1992 at the Housing Authority City of Passaic, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055. No late qualification will be accepted.

G.M. Russo
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Legal Advertisement REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for its Annual Financial Audit for the fiscal year ending 3/31/92. The audit will be for a one year period. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and employ a duly qualified Independent Public Auditor (IPA) in order to audit the books and accounts of the Authority. All services must be in accordance with the existing rules, orders, edicts, regulations and handbooks promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The services that are requested will be as follows and will encompass all of the Housing Authority's programs (including, but not limited to Public Housing, Section 23 Leased Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program, Public Housing Development).

1) Audit the accounts and records of the Authority for the 12 month period 4/1/91 and 3/31/92 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards as defined in Standards for Audit Government Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions) and the auditing and reporting provisions in OMB circular A-128. The audit performed should be sufficient in scope to enable the auditor to express an opinion on whether the financial statements fairly present the financial position of the Authority.

2) The audit report must be in a format which is approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as detailed in the HUD Audit Guide (7476.1 REV-1), the Single Audit Act of 1984 and any relevant government regulations.

3) The report should be completed within 6 months of the Independent Auditor's engagement letter.

4) Upon completion of the report, sufficient copies should be made in order to provide each PHA Commissioner and Staff with a copy and 12 copies for the HUD Regional Inspector General for Audit (RIGA) and other applicable agencies as required by the regulations.

5) Must attend meetings, as requested, with Housing Authority Commissioners/staff, HUD Auditors and HUD staff and must make work papers available for a period of time dictated by the government.

Qualifications:

- 1) Must be licensed in the State of New Jersey as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).
- 2) The selected Auditor must meet the standards specified in the Standards for Audit of Government Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions.
- 3) Should have previous experience auditing Public Housing Authorities.

Proposal Submission:

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for the Annual Audit should submit a proposal based upon a lump-sum fee. Proposals should be delivered to the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 777-5th Street, Secaucus, New Jersey on or before February 27th, 1992. All proposals will be reviewed in accordance with the Housing Authority's rating system.

The RFP, proposal rating system and the standard form of contract are available at the office of the Housing Authority.

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WILLIAM F. SNYDER
Executive Director

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The sports year in review...

by Alex Cluff

I really love looking at the highlights of the year through the eyes of a sports enthusiast. Not only do I get to recap some of the stories of the year, but we also get to see just how intense and significant the world of sports is to everyone.

Is the Magic Johnson HIV story the sports story of the year? Shockwaves from this story are still rippling through America. The polarizing of one of the most beloved sports heroes of our time being stricken with this deadly disease really hits home. Many will never recover and will be able to look at their social meanderings the same way again.

I would have to say that Patrick Ewing's ultimatum to the New York Knicks has to be one of the tragedies of the year and really put into perspective the money grubbing circus that is now professional sports. As everyone fights over the all mighty dollar, the jury's still out on whether the teams are any better off because of the fat contract the number one draft pick received like Kenny Anderson.

The Chicago Bulls are the World Champions of the NBA, Michael Jordan finally received the championship he always wanted and the Bulls are so doggone popular that Scottie Pippen is doing Nike commercials and the whole team appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show. The New York Giants were the champions of football beating the

highly touted Buffalo Bills who stated that they will be back — and they are. A year later, the Giants' beloved coach Bill Parcells is now a media darling. Phil Simms would begin his season as the second string quarterback and LT and company didn't even make the playoffs while the "other team" in New York (or is it New Jersey?) with the same record went onto the Houston Oilers in the playoffs.

The Dallas Cowboys are back, being the team to defeat the then undefeated Washington Redskins, John Elway and Denver are looking pretty good and everyone's waiting and wondering if next year, a guy from Frisco named Montana will suit up one more time.

In baseball it was the "Worst to First" World Series as the Minnesota Twins defeated the Atlanta Braves in seven games of some of the best baseball I've ever seen in my life. The Braves did Ted Turner and his new bride Jane Fonda proud even though Ted looked pretty beat at the games. Maybe it was too many of the fat Fonda workouts.

It was a summer where for the first time in many a seasons, the Yankees were competitors for a while with the Baby Bombers and the Mets were fishing for solutions. When the smoke cleared, the Mets opened their pocketbooks wide,

went far and wide, and gave everyone a payday except Darryl Strawberry. I suppose next year I'll be writing about the World Champion Mets. But I'll still be wearing my Yankee jacket.

The champions of the NCAA are the Duke Blue Devils. America's team beat America's bad boys in the UNLV Runnin' Rebels in the semi-finals and went on to win the NCAA title. I don't think the NCAA will ever be able to sort out all that Tark and the boys were up to out there. No, Notre Dame was denied the national title in football — Colorado and Georgia Tech shared in the honors — but Rocket Ismail jetted off to Canada with a big fat contract and a promotional deal from Pepsi. He'll come back to the NFL, though. He'll always wonder if he is good enough to make it with the Jerry Rices and Art Monks of the world.

You know, sports are not just for the sake of entertainment anymore. They generate large revenues and have turned children's games into big businesses. They even have political repercussions. Sanctions have been lifted on South Africa and the apartheid-based country will be participating in the Olympics. How are peace-loving and equality-loving countries going to deal with that? How are people of color going to feel competing with these athletes knowing that their brethren are

suffering and struggling to survive under a racist regime?

Speaking of the Olympics, the United States has instituted a sure-fire way to win the gold medal in basketball — let the pros play. I can't figure out how they justified that amateur status issue but I'm sure all they could see was that the country that invented basketball couldn't get the gold in it. Let me go on record and say, great players does not a great team make. In other words, a team of players should represent the US in the Olympics, not a bunch of great players from a bunch of different teams, it's going to look like the All-Star Game — a basketball circus. I don't care who it is, college or pro, let Duke play or let the Boston Celtics play or the Bulls, or the Seion Hall Pirates. It doesn't matter but they won't learn. When the US team comes back with still another defeat handed down by the Soviets, Russians, or whatever they'll be calling themselves this summer, they'll be scratching their heads in amazement wondering what the heck happened.

Well, as we move onto the new year and say goodbye to 1991, we must admit it's been a heckuva year in sports. We also must keep in perspective that these are games that people play for money. I know, we get aggravated when we can't quite figure out what made Ray

Handley call that play, or our hearts race out of control when Michael Jordan slams another death defying jump, and many of us love our teams more than we love our spouses, but

let's support our teams, respect each other at the games, and just kick back and have a good time. And look for more from me as the year progresses.



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Orange recreation organizes for spring

ORANGE — The City of Orange Recreation Division is beginning its organizational thrust for the Spring Season.

Several meetings are planned in the New Year. Volunteers are welcome. On January 16, 1992 a Little League Coaches organizational meeting will be held in the Conference room at City Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Orange Memorial Day Observation Committee will meet on January 23, 1992 in the Conference room at City Hall at 7:30 p.m. On January 30, 1992 the Little League Soccer Meeting for Coaches at 7:30 p.m. will meet in the City Hall Conference room. The Pop Warner Organization Meeting will take place on February 6, 1992 in City Hall in the conference room at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 201-266-4005.

The entertainment year in review...

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Hall which has been renamed to recognize Ms. Vaughan. The exuberant response is leading to another salute next year. Plainfield hosted a musical delving into the life and times of Paul Robeson, one of the most dynamic but little-understood men in black history.

A lovely and talented woman named Lynn Whitfield won an Emmy for her portrayal of the enigma, Josephine Baker. She was not just a singer, dancer, and performer, but she was a headstrong, determined woman draped in pride who left America to seek fortune and fame in Europe. She was also a revolutionary and a civil rights leader. Ms. Whitfield captured Ms. Baker's vitality and energy that I doubt Miss Diana Ross could touch with a ten foot pole. Lynn Whitfield is definitely someone to watch in the future.

Another revolutionary event — the City News Publishing Company launched Artz — The Entertainment Magazine, letting the black community know what's going on with the brethren, where they can go to have a good time, a good meal, see a good show, or even network the "big deal." Hitting the tri-state area, the monthly magazine jumps the reader right into what's hot and doesn't even bother with what's not.

As we can see, the entertainment industry which has suffered overall has seen a pretty good year for blacks. The trend towards more blacks in the industry will lead to more in control and more money generated by the community for the community.

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